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REFERENCE TO:

MISSILE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION CENTER (DMDPC)
DNEPROPETROVSK, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE TEST STAND UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS NOW CONFIRMED AS A MEDIUM-TO-LARGE TEST STAND IN THE FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. A ROCKET ENGINE TEST FIRING IS OBSERVED (1ST ON KH PHOTOGRAPHY) AND CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE DMDPC COMPLEX.

2. LOCATION:

ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF DNEPROPETROVSK.

3. REMARKS:

THE DMDPC IS THE LARGEST MISSILE PRODUCTION FACILITY IN THE WORLD AND IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: PLANT POST BOX 186, PLANT POST BOX 192, AND THE STATIC TEST AREA. THE MEDIUM-TO-LARGE TEST STAND AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES WERE FIRST REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN MAR 67. CONSTRUCTION OF THE DMDPC HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN THREE MAJOR STAGES TO DATE: FROM 1945-53, FROM 1955-59 AND THE THIRD STAGE WHICH WAS INITIATED IN 1963 IS APPARENTLY BEING CONTINUED.

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4. COLLATERAL:

THE DMDPC IS CURRENTLY PRODUCING ROCKET ENGINES,
BALLISTIC MISSILE AIRFRAMES, POSSIBLY MISSILE GSE,
BELARUS TRACTORS, DNEPER REFRIGERATORS AND POSSIBLY
OTHER CIVILIAN PRODUCTS.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

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6. NEGATION DATE:

NONE

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

15 KH-4, 2 KH-7

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SPECIFICATIONS:

NONE

9. MISSION READOUT:

IN THE TEST FACILITY, A CLOUD OF SMOKE/VAPOR FROM A ROCKET ENGINE TEST FIRING IS OBSERVED AT THE EAST POSITION OF THE 2-POSITION TEST STAND. THREE SMALL SUPPORT TEST STRUCTURES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SW SIDE OF THE FACILITY, A LARGE SEMIBURIED TANK IS NEARLY COMPLETE IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL PART, A VERY LARGE TANK AND AN ASSOCIATED BUILDING ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTH-CENTRAL PART. THE NEW TEST AREA, IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF THE TEST FACILITY, CONTAINS A MEDIUM-TO-LARGE SIZE TEST STAND, PROBABLY IN FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. THIS AREA IS SERVED BY TWO PROBABLE PUMPHOUSES AND A SYSTEM OF LARGE DIAMETER OVERHEAD PIPES SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND IN THE WEST AND SW PART OF THE TEST FACILITY. EXCEPT FOR THE TEST STAND, ALL OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TEST AREA APPEAR TO BE OUTWARDLY COMPLETE.

IN PLANT 186, THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONSTRUCTION IS IN MID-TO-LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE LARGE BUILDING FOR WHICH FOOTINGS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. NUMEROUS LONG RAIL CARS ARE OBSERVED ON SPURS WITHIN THE PLANT AREA.

IN PLANT 192, THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ANNEX AREA WHERE CONSTRUCTION/RAZING ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT.

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